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Descriptive Summary

Unit ID

MS100

Unit Date

1845-1930

Language

English .

Creator

Ballinger Family

Creator

Wilkinson family

Extent

.42 Linear Feet 1 box

Repository

Local History and Special Collections Branch, Alexandria Library

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Joyce Wilkinson in 1981

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Biographical / Historical

The history of Sherwood Farm, which served as an ad hoc Quaker Community Archives, began in 1858, when one hundred acres of land north of the Accotink Turnpike was purchased by Charles Ballinger, a Quaker. He married Maria Gibbs and built a house on the acreage in 1859. Seven years later, he purchased an additional hundred acres of land south of the Accotink Turnpike. This two hundred acre spread comprised Sherwood Farm, which belonged to the Ballinger/Wilkinson families for five generations. Mary Alice Ballinger was born there in 1866. She married Francis H. Wilkinson, also a Quaker, who was a son of Morris R. Wilkinson and Sarah Kirk Wilkinson of Gray's Hill Farm, in 1891.

Content Description

The Wilkinson Family papers consist of Sarah Kirk Wilkinson's day books, a few of her son Francis' school papers, and assorted Wilkinson correspondence. There are also two diaries from Unionville, Pennsylvania, unsigned, which most likely belonged to Quaker relatives. The Sherwood Farm papers include: Woodlawn Farmer's Club correspondence, describing various social activities of the Quaker farmers and their families from the area; Woodlawn Horse Company correspondence, which includes the constitution and by-laws of this anti-horse theft organization; Woodlawn Housekeeping Association correspondence, constitution, by-laws and minutes; records from the Woodlawn Literary Association; Sherwood Hall Sunday School records; and blank Sherwood Farm Dairy Records showing how the milk production was recorded and sold from 1918-1940. There is also a newspaper article from the Sunday Star in 1905, describing Quaker families and history in this area.

Related Materials

"Reminiscences of Sherwood Farm and the Surrounding Area" by Charles Kirk Wilkinson, Historical Society of Fairfax County Yearbook.

The Woodlawn Agricultural Society Records, 1866-1903, microfilm 00435.

The Woodlawn Housekeeping Association Records, microfilm 00435.

Keywords

Quakers -- Virginia -- Fairfax County.

Dairy farms -- Virginia -- Fairfax County

Wilkinson family

Woodlawn Farmers' Club

Woodlawn Horse Company

Woodlawn Housekeeping Society

Woodlawn Literary Association

Existence and Location of Originals

Location of Originals

The original records of the Woodlawn Housekeeping Association, the Sherwood Hall Sunday School, and the Woodlawn Literary Association are in the Virginia Room of the Fairfax City Regional Library. This manuscript collection contains photocopies of all of the above mentioned records

Arrangement

By subject: therein chronologically. Series 1 is the Wilkinson Family Papers; Series 2 is the Sherwood Farm Papers.

Description of Subordinate Components

Wilkinson Family Papers

Unit Date 1839-1884

Sarah Kirk Wilkinson day books

Unit Date 1839-1845

Books 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Diary, Unionville, PA

Unit Date 1873

Text 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Creator Wilkinson, Caleb Kirk, 1856-1921

Scope and Contents

Contains a single small diary and a note claiming it is definitely written by Caleb Kirk Wilkinson.

Keywords

Diaries.

Francis Wilkinson school papers

Unit Date 1881-1883

Text 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Creator Wilkinson, Francis H. (Frank), 1864-1935

Diary, Unionville, PA

Unit Date 1881-1884

Text 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Creator Wilkinson, Francis H. (Frank), 1864-1935

Scope and Contents

Contains a small diary with minimal writing, along with a note that says it was written by and belonged to Frank Wilkinson.

Keywords

Diaries.

Wilkinson correspondence

Unit Date 1894-1899

Text 1 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Contains 5 letters written to Sarah Wilkinson and Frank Wilkinson.

Keywords

Letters.

Wilkinson, Francis H. (Frank), 1864-1935

Wilkinson, Sarah H. Kirk, 1824-1910

Miscellaneous

Text 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Folder contains miscellaneous documents including a short journal entry, a school book for penmanship, and other lists and such.

Sherwood Farm Papers

Unit Date 1876-1930

Woodlawn Farmer's Club correspondence

Unit Date 1902-1906

Text 1 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Creator Kester, Vaughan, 1869-1911

Scope and Contents

Various letters between the Woodlawn Farmers Club including a letter from Vaughn Kester.

Keywords

Woodlawn Farmers' Club

Quakers of Mount Vernon, The Sunday Star

Unit Date 1905

Text 1 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Folder holds several photocopies of the Sunday Star newspaper from 1905.

Woodlawn Horse Company

Unit Date 1908

Text 1 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Folder contains several blank identification sheets for horses from the Woodlawn Horse Company, as well as a 1908 booklet of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Woodlawn Horse Company of Fairfax County, VA.

Keywords

Woodlawn Horse Company

Travel literature

Unit Date 1930

Text 1 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Contains 2 travel guides for the Claiborne-Annapolis Ferry Company, and a map from DC through Northern Virginia from the Alexandria Auto Supply store.

Keywords

Travel.

Ferries -- United States.

Sherwood Farm Dairy record cards

Text 1 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Folder contains a handful of blank record cards from Sherwood Farm.

Woodlawn Housekeeping Society

Unit Date 1876-1891

Text 1 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Folder contains 2 documents associated with the Woodlawn Housekeeping Association, the all-female component of the Woodlawn Farmers' Club.

Keywords

Woodlawn Housekeeping Society

Woodlawn Housekeeping Society constitution from 1876-1896

Text 1 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

Scope and Contents

This is a photocopied bound collection of the minutes of the Woodlawn Housekeeping Association.

Keywords

Woodlawn Housekeeping Society

Woodlawn Housekeeper's Society minutes from 1886 to 1896

Text 1 (box)

Container 14 (folder)

Scope and Contents

This is a bound, photocopied version.

Woodlawn Housekeeper's Society by-laws and minutes from 1891 to 1896

Text 1 (box)

Container 15 (folder)

Scope and Contents

This is a bound, photocopied collection.

Woodlawn Literary Association records from 1902

Text 1 (box)

Container 16 (folder)

Scope and Contents

This is a bound and photocopied record.

Sherwood Hall Sunday School records

Unit Date 1901-1905

Text 1 (box)

Container 17 (folder)